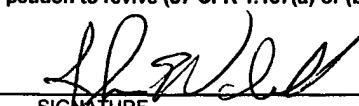


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. <b>AU 20044900602</b>	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE <b>February 10, 2004</b>	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED <b>February 10, 2004</b>
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>BOAT LATCH</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>PAULINE HARDY AND GARTH NESBITT</b>		
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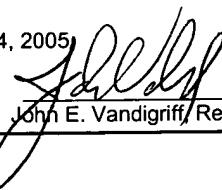
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